

to deprive the persons by them so held or claimed as slaves of their just right to freedom.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the state treasurer shall pay the sum or sums of money to be mentioned in the said warrant or warrants, out of the fund appropriated to the support of government and shall charge and be allowed the same in the settlement of his accounts; and that the said commissioners shall keep and render to the governor, to be laid before the legislature, a just account of the distribution and expenditures of the said moneys, and of the number and description of the persons relieved thereby.

Passed February 25, 1795. Recorded L. B. No. 5, p. 381, etc.

CHAPTER MDCCIV.

AN ACT EMPOWERING CERTAIN TRUSTEES, THEREIN NAMED, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF A CERTAIN HOUSE AND LOT OF GROUND, SITUATED IN THE BOROUGH OF EASTON, AND COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON, IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND APPROPRIATE THE MONEYS ARISING FROM THE SALE THEREOF TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A PARSONAGE, OR DWELLING HOUSE, FOR THE MINISTER OF THE FOUR PROTESTANT EVANGELIC REFORMED GERMAN CONGREGATIONS, TO WIT, OF EASTON, NAZARETH AND PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIPS, IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON; AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND GREENWICH TOWNSHIP, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE TIME BEING.

Whereas the trustees, elders and deacons of the four Protestant Evangelic Reformed German congregations, to wit, of Easton, Nazareth and Plainfield townships, in the county of Northampton, and state of Pennsylvania, and Greenwich township, in the county of Sussex, and state of New Jersey, in behalf of the said congregations, by their petition, have represented to this house, that by virtue of a certain indenture or deed of conveyance, bearing date the fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, Philip

Odenwelder (the younger), Jonas Hartzell, Henry Engle, and Peter Sharp, and their heirs, were seized of and in a certain tenement and lot of ground, situate in the borough of Easton, in the said county of Northampton, and marked in the general plan thereof number sixty-six, containing in breadth, north and south, on Pomfret street, fifty-five feet, and in length, east and west, two hundred and forty feet, bounded northward by Christopher Bettenbender's lot number sixty-four, eastward by a twenty feet alley, southward by Jacob Grotz, Junior's, lot number sixty-eight, and westward by Pomfret street aforesaid, in trust, and for the sole use and behoof of the said congregation, for a parsonage mansion, or dwelling house for the minister or pastor of the said congregations, for the time being; that the said premises do not answer the purpose for which they were purchased, and that the members of the said congregations have unanimously agreed that the same be disposed of, and that the moneys arising therefrom be applied towards the building or purchasing of another parsonage house, or dwelling, more suitable and convenient for the use of the minister of the said congregations, for the time being, and therefore have prayed the aid of the legislature for that purpose.

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful to and for Philip Odenwelder (the younger), Jonas Hartzell, Henry Engle and Peter Sharp, or any three of them, and the survivors or survivor of them, to sell and dispose of the said above described house and lot of ground, with the rights, privileges and appurtenance thereto belonging, as soon as the same may be conveniently done, either by private or public sale, for the best and highest price that can be gotten for the same, and to give and execute an assurance and conveyance of the premises, valid in law, saving the right of all other persons therein, to the purchaser, his or her heirs and assigns forever, subject to the yearly ground rent, if any, that may be due for the same, and to appropriate and apply the moneys arising from such sale towards the building or purchasing of another parsonage, in the same

borough, for the use of the minister of the said four Protestant Evangelic Reformed German congregations, for the time being, and for no other use and purpose whatsoever.

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CHAPTER MDCCCV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA."¹

Whereas, among the fundamental articles of the constitution of the Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, no provision is made for the number of votes which a proprietor, holding more than thirty shares of stock of the said company, shall have:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the first article of the ninth section of the act entitled, "An act to incorporate the Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania" be, and it is hereby repealed, and the following article substituted in lieu thereof: "The number of votes to which each stockholder shall be entitled, shall be according to the number of shares he shall hold, in the proportions following, that is to say, for one share and not more than two shares, one vote for each share; for every two shares above two, and not exceeding ten, one vote; for every four shares above ten, and not exceeding thirty, one vote; and for every five shares above thirty, one vote. Provided, The whole number of votes to be given by one person shall not exceed twenty-four, and after the first election no share or shares shall confer a right of suffrage, which shall not have been holden three calendar months previous to the day of election, by stockholders actually